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HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION
PROGRESS, BUT NOT IN Leningrad

LIST USSR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION SINCE 1945 - Leningradskaya Pravda, No 153,
1 Jul 49

During the first 3 years of the Five-Year Plan, more than 51 million square meters of living quarters were constructed and reconstructed in USSR cities. More than 1,600,000 new houses were constructed in rural areas.

Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 128, 28 Jun 49

In the postwar period in the Moldavian SSR, more than 600 industrial enterprises, artels, and industrial combines have been restored or newly built. In comparison with 1940, the fixed assets of Moldavian industry have doubled.

Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 128, 29 Jun 49

Since the liberation of Belorussia, 383,100 new houses have been built in villages of the Belorussian SSR. More than 2,000 villages which were completely destroyed and 8,000 partially destroyed villages have been reconstructed.

BRYANSK RECONSTRUCTION ADVANCES -- Pravda, No 174, 23 Jun 49

The "Bryanskstroytrst" (Bryansk Construction Trust) which is restoring the city has been exceeding its plans from month to month. By the end of 1949, construction of a large 200-meter city bridge will have been completed. The trust is completing construction of the oblast dramatic theater and has laid the foundation of a new building for the city movie theater. The "Gorrestroy" (City Repair and Construction) Trust has also been exceeding its plans in constructing cultural and educational buildings and housing.

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30 NEW LOGGING SETTLEMENTS PLANNED -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 146, 23 Jun 49

Thirty new timber settlements for migrant workers will be built in the Karelo-Finnish SSR by the beginning of the fall and winter logging season.

OKHOTSK STARTS CITY IMPROVEMENTS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 120, 24 May 49

Work has begun on the improvement of the village of Okhotsk. All the streets will be lined with trees and 800 running meters of sidewalks will be laid. The hospital will be renovated. A square is being laid out in the center of the settlement, and a dancing pavilion is under construction.

LENINGRAD CONSTRUCTION GOES DOWN -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 146, 23 Jun 49

Leningrad construction workers recently held a conference in the City Committee VKP(b) to consider measures necessary for early completion of the 6-month plan for housing construction. Luz'mich, director of the "Lentyazhstroy" (Leningrad Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises) Trust and Lyashin, director of "Kirovstroy" Trust, in their reports, noted that the mechanization of housing construction in the city is very limited. Plastering work was not mechanized until the end of May, and "Lenproyekt" and other planning organizations have not given sufficient attention to the need for mechanization of construction.

The directors of plants such as imeni Lenin and imeni Yegorov are also at fault for failing to require up-to-date plans. Lyubosh, director of "Lenproyekt," did not satisfy the conference on the measures being taken by that organization for more extensive development of mechanization. Shabrov, chief of the State Architecture and Construction Control of the city of Leningrad, reported that the quality of housing construction is still on a low level, and many unnecessary faults are being permitted in the construction of new buildings. The outstanding achievements of construction engineers in other cities are being introduced into Leningrad on a limited scale.

Luk'yanov, deputy chief of the heavy industry section of the city Party committee, reported that the city's construction organizations are scheduled to complete in a short time nearly 25,000 square meters of housing, but are not meeting this goal because of the lag in finishing work.

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